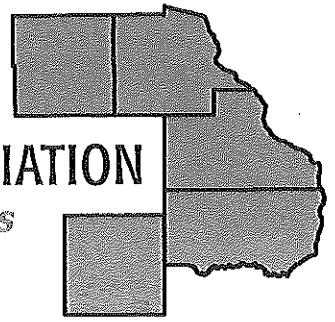


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A Regional Response to Local Needs



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March 8, 2007

Stuart Anderson, Systems Planning Office Director
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Dear Anderson:

On behalf of the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study Policy Board (DMATS), we hereby express our support of legislation to increase transportation funding in the State of Iowa called Transportation Investment Moves the Economy in the 21st Century (TIME-21).

DMATS recognizes the need for additional funding for the Iowa Department of Transportation and membership organizations in DMATS area. The extra funding will help in dealing with pressing transportation needs, the most obvious of which is the construction of IA32-Southwest Arterial.

We strongly support TIME-21 with the 20% distribution for cities and the 20% distribution to counties. The additional funding will not only help improving infrastructure within the region but also increase safety and quality of life within the region.

Sincerely,

Roy Buol
Chair Person
DMATS Policy Board

cc: Fred Dean, IA DOT
Mike Van Milligen, City Manager
Gus Psihoyos, City Engineer
IA Senators and Congressmen